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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

M. RIGDON LENTZ : EXAMINER: L. SPECTOR

SERIAL NO: 09/709,045 :

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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO  
REMOVE CYTOKINE INHIBITOR IN  
PATIENTS :

AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

*See application filed*

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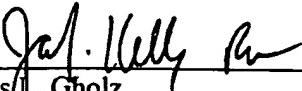
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Although the examiner has not requested an amended declaration of inventorship, applicant is submitting under separate cover a substitute declaration explicitly claiming priority to the earlier applications.

Please contact the undersigned by telephone if anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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